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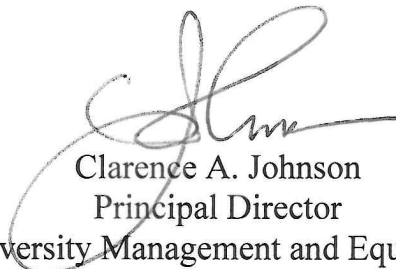
SUBJECT: 29th Annual Blacks in Government (BIG) National Training Conference

BIG will host its 29th Annual National Training Conference (NTC), August 13-17, 2007, in Nashville, Tennessee. BIG's goals are to promote equity in all aspects of American life, excellence in public service, and opportunity for all Americans. The theme for this year's conference is *"Meeting the Challenge of a Changing Workplace."*

As related in Mr. Dominguez's December 21, 2006, memorandum on our outreach efforts, the Department of Defense (DoD) will conduct a training forum on Tuesday, August 14. Additionally, DoD will also host a youth luncheon on Thursday, August 16 and the 3rd Annual BIG Meritorious Service Awards Reception on Friday, August 17. All events will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. All DoD personnel who register for the BIG conference are expected also to attend the forum. Local DoD personnel are encouraged to attend the forum, even if they are not registered for the conference. Conference information and registration details are available at www.bignet.org.

Supervisors may allow DoD personnel involved in policies and programs affecting equal employment opportunity to take advantage of the forum and conference. Examples include military and civilian equal opportunity directors and managers, special emphasis program managers, human resources specialists, and individuals in supervisory and managerial positions. Although the selection of attendees is left to the discretion of the Components, please consider requests from DoD personnel who may not have a programmatic responsibility, but may benefit from this opportunity.

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